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BOOK REVIEWS.

JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE OF BURGESSES OF VIRGINIA, 1712, 1714, 1715, 1718, 1720, 1722, 1723, 1726. Edited by H. R. McIlwaine, Richmond, Virginia, MCMXII (Virginia State Library) pp. lii, 441, with index.

Dr. McIlwaine, the State Librarian of Virginia, has issued another volume of this now well-known series of Journals, in the same handsome shape as the former ones. It is well edited and the introduction and summaries of the work of the separate sessions are valuable contributions to the history of the time.

The journals of the ten sessions here given are printed for the first time and thus are now first made available for students in this country. Though nothing of very vital importance occurred during this period the journals contain much matter of great interest, for during this time the colonial organization as it was when the disputes with England began, was gradually taking form. Of course there is throughout a quantity of material invaluable for the local historian and the genealogist.

THE COLLEGE OF HAMPDEN SIDNEY. Calendar of Board Minutes, 1776-1876. By Alfred J. Morrison. Richmond, Va., The Hermitage Press, 1912. pp. 186, with 39 portraits and index.

Hampden Sidney College, founded by Presbyterians in 1774, has had a long and brilliant life and is still as full of vigor as in its youth and doing as good work. No better plan of giving the history of the college could have been devised than by the publication of this calendar of the minutes of its board of trustees. It is a documentary history covering one hundred years. Mr. Morrison, who is deeply learned in the story of the life of Hampden Sidney, has made his abstracts and extracts with great accuracy and good judgement. The value of his work is increased by the very interesting collection of portraits of men prominently connected with the college.

VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY. A Complete Index to Stith's History of Virginia. By Morgan Poitiaux Robinson, Richmond, Va., 1912. pp. 152.

Stith's is by far the most valuable of the early histories of Virginia. He was a man of education and judgment, and as a native of the colony was thoroughly acquainted with the Virginia people. He made use of manuscript sources in a manner very unusual at the time.

The lack of an index has always been an obstacle to the free use of the work by students and this want has now been filled in a very remarkable way. Mr. Morgan Poitiaux Robinson, a graduate of the University of Virginia and a practising attorney of this city, has prepared an index which is almost unparalleled—certainly no book about Virginia has ever had such a one.

The Virginia State Library recognizing the great value of Mr. Robinson's work made arrangements with him for its publication as a bulletin. The compiler says in his preface, "the usefulness of an index is limited only by its scope, and by the accuracy with which its work is done." Tested in either way this most remarkable and valuable index meets every demand. There is a bibliography of the various editions of Stith and what is even more important, there is a table which makes the index available for all editions.

This, like other State Library bulletins, is not for sale, but is distributed by the Library.

A LIST OF THE REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS OF VIRGINIA. By H. J. Eckenrode, Chief of Archive Department, Virginia State Library. Annual Report Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va., 1911, pp. 488.

It is a remarkable exposition of the valuable work which the Virginia State Library is now doing for our history that we can notice at the end of one quarter, the appearance of three contributions to the subject—all of high class.

Two of them have been described above. The third, which is the most generally useful, is the list of Revolutionary officers and soldiers whose names appear in any Virginia record. Dr. Eckenrode has done this work with his usual thoroughness and good judgment. He states that his work is necessarily only a beginning, but it is a most extensive and valuable one. Dr. Eckenrode prefaces the list with an introduction which contains much matter of interest. Thousands of pages of manuscript have been examined and the names of thousands of men are given which appear in none of the lists commonly consulted.

The list is absolutely indispensable to any one who desires information in regard to Virginia's Revolutionary Army. It also shows in a way never done before, how many men Virginia contributed to that army.

Of course, in such a work, the Chief of the Department of Archives had the energetic and intelligent assistance of other members of the Library staff.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

MARCUS ALONZO HANNA. His Life and Work, by Herbert Croley, New York. The MacMillan Company, 1912. pp. 495, with thirteen portraits and other illustrations.